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	Department/Agency	Action	Description	Federal Register Notice(s)
2000	Department of Health and Human Services	Revised NEPA Procedures	Revised General Administration Manual, HHS Part 30, Environmental Protection	Published for comment on January 11, 1999 ( <a href="#">64 Federal Register [FR] 1655</a> ). Published as final procedures on February 25, 2000 ( <a href="#">65 FR 10229</a> ).
	Bureau of Reclamation Department of the Interior	Notice of Availability of a Draft Agency Handbook on the National Environmental Policy Act	Department Manual (DM) Part 516, Chapter 6: Managing the NEPA Process (Appendix 7)	Published on April 20, 2000 ( <a href="#">65 FR 21210</a> ) with comments due by June 19, 2000.
	Office of Justice Programs Department of Justice	Established NEPA Procedures for the Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth-in-Sentencing Incentive Grants Program	28 CFR 61, Environmental Impact review Procedures for the VOI/TIS Grant Program	Published and effective on August 8, 2000 ( <a href="#">65 FR 48591</a> ).
	Food and Drug Administration Department of Health and Human Services	Revised Implementing FDA Modernization Act of 1997	21 CFR 25, Environmental Impact Considerations	Published for comment on May 11, 2000 ( <a href="#">65 FR 30352</a> ). Published as a final rule on October 11, 2000 ( <a href="#">65 FR 60359</a> ) with an effective date of August 24, 2000.
	Presidio Trust	Established NEPA Procedures	36 CFR 1010, Management of the Presidio: Environmental Quality	Adopted NPS procedures on an interim basis on September 14, 1998 ( <a href="#">63 FR 49142</a> ). Published draft procedures for comment on July 23, 1999 ( <a href="#">64 FR 39951</a> ). Published as a final rule on September 15, 2000 ( <a href="#">65 FR 55896</a> ).

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2001	National Park Service Department of the Interior	Revised NEPA Procedures	Department Manual (DM) Part 516, Chapter 6: Managing the NEPA Process (Appendix 7)	Published as a final order on January 23, 2001 ( <a href="#">66 FR 7507</a> ) with an effective date of January 8, 2001.
	Department of the Army	Revised NEPA Procedures	32 CFR Part 651. Environmental Analysis of Army Actions	Published for comment on September 7, 2000 ( <a href="#">65 FR 54347</a> ). Published as a final rule on March 29, 2002 ( <a href="#">67 FR 15289</a> ).
2002	U.S. Coast Guard Department of Homeland Security	Revised NEPA Procedures	National Environmental Policy Act: Coast Guard Procedures for Categorical Exclusions	Published for comment on April 8, 2002 ( <a href="#">67 FR 16787</a> ). Published as a final policy on July 23, 2002 ( <a href="#">67 FR 48243</a> ).
	U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture	Revised extraordinary circumstances for Categorical Exclusions	36 CFR Part 220, National Environmental Policy Act Compliance	Published for comment on September 20, 2001 ( <a href="#">66 FR 48412</a> ). Published and effective on August 23, 2002 ( <a href="#">67 FR 56422</a> ).
2003	Department of the Interior (USFS) and Department of Agriculture	Established 2 joint Categorical Exclusions for Hazardous Fuels Reduction and Restoration	Forest Service Environmental Policy and Procedures Handbook (FSH) 1909.15, Chapter 30, Section 31.2 and Department of the Interior Manual 516 DM, Chapter 2, Appendix 1	Published and effective on June 5, 2003 ( <a href="#">68 FR 33813</a> ).
	Valles Caldera Trust	Established NEPA Procedures	National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Procedures of the Valles Caldera Trust for the Valles Caldera National Preserve	Published for comment on February 11, 2003 ( <a href="#">68 FR 6987</a> ). Published as a final rule on July 17, 2003 ( <a href="#">68 FR 42460</a> ).

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2004	U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture	Established 3 limited timber harvest Categorical Exclusions	“National Environmental Policy Act Documentation Needed for Limited Timber Harvest,” Interim Directive 1909.15-2003-2 to FSH 1909.15, Chapter 30, Section 31.2	Published and effective on July 29, 2003 ( <a href="#">68 FR 44597</a> ).
	Rural Utilities Service	Revised NEPA Procedures	7 CFR 1794, Environmental Policies and Procedures	Published for comment on January 15, 2003 ( <a href="#">68 FR 1988</a> ). Published as a final rule on August 1, 2003 ( <a href="#">68 FR 45157</a> ).
	Department of the Navy	Revised NEPA Procedures	32 CFR 775 (2000), Policies and Responsibilities for Implementation of NEPA Within the Department of the Navy	Published for comment on July 9, 1999 ( <a href="#">64 FR 37069</a> ). Published as a final rule on February 23, 2004( <a href="#">69 FR 8108</a> ).
	Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Department of Transportation	Established NEPA Procedures	FMCSA Order 5610.1, National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures	Published for comment on September 26, 2002 ( <a href="#">68 FR 55713</a> ). Published as a final order on March 1, 2004 ( <a href="#">69 FR 9679</a> ).
	Department of the Interior	Revised NEPA Procedures	National Environmental Policy Act Revised Implementing Procedures	Published for comment on September 4, 2003 ( <a href="#">68 FR 52595</a> ). Published as final procedures on March 8, 2004( <a href="#">69 FR 10865</a> ).

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2005	Federal Aviation Administration Department of Transportation	Revised NEPA Procedures	Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures	Published for comment on November 19, 1999 ( <a href="#">64 FR 63362</a> ). Published as a final order on June 16, 2004 ( <a href="#">69 FR 33777</a> ) with an effective date of June 8, 2004.
	U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture	Established 2 Special Use Authorization Categorical Exclusions	“National Environmental Policy Act Documentation Needed for Certain Special Use Authorizations,” Amendments to FSH 1909.15	Published as a final directive on July 6, 2004 ( <a href="#">69 FR 40591</a> ).
	National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC)	Revised NEPA Procedures	Environmental and Historic Preservation Policies and Procedures	Published for comment on September 25, 2000 ( <a href="#">65 FR 57627</a> ). Published as a final policies and procedures on July 8, 2004 ( <a href="#">69 FR 41299</a> ).
	Federal Aviation Administration Department of Transportation	Minor Revision of NEPA Procedures	Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures	Published for comment on December 20, 2005 ( <a href="#">70 FR 75529</a> ).
	Department of Homeland Security	Established NEPA Procedures	Management Directive 5100.1, Environmental Planning Program	Published for comment on June 14, 2004 ( <a href="#">69 FR 33043</a> ). Published as a final directive on April 4, 2006 ( <a href="#">71 FR 16790</a> ) with an effective date of April 19, 2006.

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2007	Federal Aviation Administration (Office of Airports) Department of Transportation	Revised NEPA Procedures	FAA Order 5050.4B, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions	Published for comment on December 16, 2004 ( <a href="#">69 FR 75374</a> ). Published a final preamble to order 5050.4B on May 18, 2006 ( <a href="#">71 FR 29013</a> ). The order was effective on April 28, 2006 ( <a href="#">71 FR 25279</a> ).
	U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture	Established a Forest Planning Categorical Exclusion	Categorical Exclusion for Forest Plans	Published for comment on January 5, 2006 ( <a href="#">70 FR 1062</a> ). Published as a final amendment on December 15, 2006 ( <a href="#">71 FR 75481</a> ).
	U.S. Marshals Service Department of Justice	Established NEPA Procedures	Appendix E to 28 CFR Part 61, Department of Justice Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act	Published for comment on January 20, 2006 ( <a href="#">71 FR 3248</a> ). Published as a final rule (43 CFR Part 46) on December 8, 2006 ( <a href="#">71 FR 71047</a> ) with an effective date of January 8, 2007.
	U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture	Established New Oil and Gas Exploration and Development Categorical Exclusions	National Environmental Policy Act Documentation Needed for Oil and Natural Gas Exploration and Development Activities (Categorical Exclusion)	Published for comment on December 13, 2005 ( <a href="#">70 FR 73722</a> ). Published as a final directive on February 15, 2007 ( <a href="#">72 FR 7391</a> ).

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2008	Environmental Protection Agency	Revised NEPA Procedures	Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act and Assessing the Environmental Effects Abroad of EPA Actions 40 CFR Part 6	Published for comment on December 19, 2006 ( <a href="#">71 FR 76081</a> ). Published as a final rule on September 19, 2007 ( <a href="#">72 FR 53651</a> ) with an effective date of October 19, 2007.
	U.S. Forest Service Department of Agriculture	Revised NEPA Procedures	36 CFR Part 220, National Environmental Policy Act Procedures	Published for comment on August 16, 2007 ( <a href="#">72 FR 45998</a> ). Published as a final rule on July 24, 2008 ( <a href="#">73 FR 43084</a> ).
	Natural Resources Conservation Service		Revised NRCS NEPA regulations to allow for decisions on proposed grants in conformity with 60 and 90 day timelines in the Farm Bill by eliminating the requirement for 30 day public review periods for all Environmental Assessments and providing for Programmatic EAs.  7 CFR 650	Published as an interim final rule with a 30 day comment period on June 25, 2008 ( <a href="#">73 FR 35883</a> ). Published as a final rule on September 23, 2008 ( <a href="#">73 FR 54667</a> ).
	Department of the Interior	Revised NEPA Procedures	43 CFR Part 46, Implementation of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969	Published for comment on January 2, 2008 ( <a href="#">73 FR 126</a> ). Published as a final rule (43 CFR Part 46) on October 15, 2008 ( <a href="#">73 FR 61291</a> ).

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2009	Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration	Revised NEPA Procedures	23 CFR Part 771, Environmental Impact and Related Procedures	Published for comment on August 7, 2007 ( <a href="#">72 FR 44038</a> ) and published as a final rule on March 24, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 12517</a> ).
	National Endowment for the Arts	Established new CEs	Protocol for Categorical Exclusions Supplementing the CEQ NEPA Regulations for Certain American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects	Published for comment and effective on May 9, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 21011</a> ). Any comments received would be considered for an amendment to the CE protocol.
	Department of Energy	NEPA Variance	Variance of certain requirements in the DOE's NEPA procedures for \$2 Billion in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant activities	Published and effective on June 26, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 30558</a> )
	Department of Commerce	Established new CEs	Protocol for Categorical Exclusions Supplementing the CEQ NEPA Regulations for Certain American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Projects	Published for comment on May 26, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 24782</a> ). Final CEs published and effective on July 10, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 33204</a> ).

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Natural Resources Conservation Service Department of Agriculture	Established new CEs	Categorical Exclusions for Conservation and Watershed Rehabilitation Activities	Published and effective as an interim final rule on July 13, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 33319</a> ).
Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS)	Established new CEs	Categorical exclusions for CNCS projects and activities that provide funding assistance to existing non-federal programs and projects	Published and effective as an interim final rule on July 15, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 34309</a> ).
Department of Energy	NEPA Variance	Variance of certain requirements in the DOE's NEPA procedures for \$156 Million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant activities	Published notice of variance and effective on August 18, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 41693</a> ).
U.S. Agency for International Development	Established New CEs	Directive Categorical Exclusions for Certain Routine, Domestic USAID Activities	Published for comment and effective on September 9, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 46413</a> ). Any comments received would be considered either for an amendment to the CE directive or for consideration in their subsequent NEPA procedures for domestic activities.



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2010	Federal Highway Administration	Notice of Proposed MOU and Request for Comments	Proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Assigning Environmental Responsibilities to the State of Alaska	Published draft on October 14, 2008 ( <a href="#">73 FR 60750</a> ) with comments requested by November 28, 2008. Final signed on September 22, 2009.
	Armed Forces Retirement Home	Established NEPA Procedures	38 CFR Part 200: Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act	Published August 27, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 43649</a> ). Comments were due October 1, 2009. ( <a href="#">74 FR 57608</a> ). Final published November 9, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 57608</a> ).
	Department of Energy	Policy Statement	Online Posting of Certain DOE Categorical Exclusion Determinations	Published October 9, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 52129</a> ).
	National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Department of Commerce	Established new CEs	NTIA Broadband Technology Opportunities Program Categorical Exclusions	Published for comment on July 9, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 32876</a> ). Final CEs published and effective on October 13, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 52456</a> ).
	Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) Department of Agriculture	Interim final rule with request for comment	Compliance with NEPA	Notice of interim final rule was published July 13, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 33319</a> ), and the final notice was published on February 10, 2010 ( <a href="#">75 FR 6553</a> ).
	National Indian Gaming Commission Department of the Interior	Notice	The National Environmental Policy Act Procedures Manual	Published on December 4, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 63765</a> ) with comments due January 18, 2010, and comment period extended through March 4, 2010 ( <a href="#">75 FR 3756</a> ).

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2011	Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)	Proposed Rule of CEs	Categorical Exclusions from Environmental Review	Proposed regulations published for public review and comment on October 9, 2008 ( <a href="#">73 FR 59540</a> ). Final rule published on April 19, 2010 ( <a href="#">75 FR 20248</a> ).
	Office of Hawaiian Relations (OHR) Department of the Interior	Notice of proposed change to the Department Manual	National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures	Published draft on December 3, 2009 ( <a href="#">74 FR 63408</a> ), with final regulation published October 29, 2010 ( <a href="#">75 FR 66775</a> ).
	Federal Highway Administration	Notice of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Renewal	Renewed and Amended Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Assigning Environmental Responsibilities to the State of Utah	Published proposed MOU on May 27, 2011 ( <a href="#">76 FR 30995</a> ), and with comments due by June 27, 2011.
	Department of Energy	Amendment of Implementing Procedures	National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures	Notice of Proposed Rule Making published on January 3, 2011 ( <a href="#">76 FR 214</a> ). The final was published on October 13, 2011 ( <a href="#">76 FR 63764</a> ).
	Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Department of Defense	Revised NEPA Implementing Procedures	Defense Logistics Agency Revised Regulation 1000.22, Environmental Considerations in Defense Logistics Agency Actions	Notice of Availability published on May 18, 2011 ( <a href="#">76 FR 28757</a> ). The final regulation was published on November 23, 2011 ( <a href="#">76 FR 72391</a> ).

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2012	National Indian Gaming Commission	Proposed procedures for implementing NEPA and Executive Order 11514, <i>Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality</i>	Established a <a href="#">protocol</a> that provides for categorical exclusions under NEPA, as amended, EC 11514, as amended, and CEQ regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508) for certain NIGC actions.	Published proposed procedures for implementing NEPA and Executive Order 11514, <i>Protection and Enhancement of Environmental Quality</i> on December 4, 2009, with comments due January 18, 2010 ( <a href="#">74 FR 63765-74 FR 63787</a> ) and comment period extended thru March 4, 2010 ( <a href="#">75 FR 3756</a> ). The comment period was reopened from March 4, 2012, to April 15, 2012 ( <a href="#">75 FR 13139</a> ). Published final notice on May 22, 2012 ( <a href="#">77 FR 30315</a> ).
	Bureau of Land Management (BLM)  Department of the Interior	Proposed categorical exclusion	Departmental Manual <a href="#">516 DM 10</a>	Public comments were also solicited through a notice placed in the Federal Register on May 3, 2012 ( <a href="#">77 FR 26314</a> ). Published final on August 10, 2012 ( <a href="#">77 FR 47862</a> ).

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National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)	Amended NEPA Implementing Procedures in light of changes in agency structure, missions, and experience	14 CFR part 1216	The proposed rule was published on July 21, 2011 (76 FR 43616), and the final rule was published on January 23, 2012 (77 FR 3102).
Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)	Proposed NEPA revision adding seven categorical exclusions	Section 4(c) of FRA's Environmental Procedures	Notice of intent to amend FRA's Procedures by adding categorical exclusions Published for review and comment June 13, 2012 with comments due July 13, 2012. ( <a href="#">77 FR 35471</a> ). New CEs published in FR on January 14, 2013 ( <a href="#">78 FR 2713</a> ).
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Department of Transportation	Joint FTA/FHWA NEPA Implementing Procedures, adding ten categorical exclusions	Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, Environmental Impact and Related Procedures <a href="#">23 CFR 771.118</a>	Published for public comment on March 15, 2012, with comments due May 14, 2012 ( <a href="#">77 FR 15310</a> ). Final notice published February 7, 2013 ( <a href="#">78 FR 8964</a> )
Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Department of Transportation – MAP-21	FHWA/FTA new categorical exclusion for emergency actions	Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, Environmental Impact and Related Procedures ( <a href="#">23 CFR 771.117(c)(9)</a> ). Adds 771.118(c)(11).	Published for public review and comment on October 1, 2012, comments due November 30, 2012 ( <a href="#">77 FR 59875</a> ). Published final in Federal Register February 19, 2013 ( <a href="#">78 FR 11593</a> )

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US Coast Guard Department of Homeland Security	Proposed categorical exclusion	DHS Directive 023-01, Environmental Planning Program, and USCG Commandant instruction M16475.1 (series)	Published in Federal Register on May 17, 2013, for comments through June 17, 2013 ( <a href="#">78 FR 29145</a> ). Published final in Federal Register July 23, 2013 ( <a href="#">78 FR 44138</a> )
Forest Service Department of Agriculture	Proposed categorical exclusions	Title <a href="#">36 CFR 220.6</a> of the Forest Service NEPA Regulations	Notice was published on June 13, 2012, with a public comment period through August 13, 2012 ( <a href="#">77 FR 35323</a> ). Published final in Federal Register September 12, 2013 ( <a href="#">78 FR 56153</a> ).